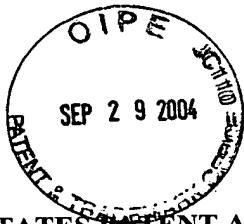


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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated March 26, 2004 (Paper No. 20040316). The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on June 26, 2004. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for three months, up to and including September 26, 2004. The \$475.00 extension of time fee is enclosed. Also enclosed is \$86.00 for the addition of 2 independent claims in excess of 3.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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September 24, 2004

Signature of Attorney/Date